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Evacuation of Americans from Danang

Our Consul General in Danang reports that the situation in Danang could deteriorate rapidly. He therefore requests that Embassy Saigon "initiate the contingency plan for U.S. Naval forces to stand by for E&E [evacuation] immediately." He stresses that this move should be highly classified to avoid panic among the Vietnamese in Danang. He hopes gradually to thin down the American community to essential personnel and continue to do everything possible to assist GVN officials to stabilize the situation without undue risk to Americans.

Embassy Saigon has not yet responded to the Consul General's request. When it does, we should have a clearer idea of what is involved.

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